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Answers:

1. Can I go to school or take training courses and still receive unemployment?
  - If you are attending training or going to school you can still receive unemployment benefits. If your training or schooling takes place at evening hours only or only on weekends, than this does not affect your ability to receive a daytime job. As a result this may not be an issue. Contact your Local VEC office to determine if your training or schooling would be a problem.[Back to top](#)
2. What happens if I am not available to work?
  - The Unemployment Compensation Act requires all claimants to be Able and available to work in order to be eligible for benefits. In the case that you are not able to work, you must contact us and explain why you are not able to work. This will then be submitted to a hearing officer to determine if you are eligible for benefits for that week. In the case you are unable to work due to illness or injury, we will require a doctor's note before determining you're able and available to work.[Back to top](#)
3. What happens if I go out of town for a few days while on unemployment?
  - If you leave town, you can potentially still be looking for a job. If you are not traveling far (within the state) and are able to return and accept a job if one was offered, you are potentially still able and available. You can also still search for work while out of town. Many people search for jobs in other states with the idea of possibly relocating. Contact your local office for more detail on whether not your trip out of town will possibly affect your unemployment benefits.[Back to top](#)
4. What happens if I had only one or no job contacts during the week?
  - 1 job contact is not considered an adequate work search. As a result you would potentially be denied for benefits for this week. Contact your local office and explain why you were only able to make one job contact. They will then give your statement to a hearing officer to make a decision on whether you will be eligible for benefits for that

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[Back to top](#) week or not.

5. What happens if I refuse a job?

- The Unemployment Compensation act does not allow claimants receiving unemployment benefits to refuse jobs without good reason. You must contact us and let us know what reason you have for refusing the job. Refusing a job does not mean automatic ineligibility for benefits. A hearing officer will have to make a decision to see if you're eligible for

[Back to top](#) benefits after refusing a job.

6. What happens if my employer is giving me severance?

- In the case you are receiving severance you will not receive any benefits until we are able to contact the employer about the severance. Severance can potentially block unemployment benefits for a certain amount of time. The amount of time depends on the amount of severance being received and your average weekly wage. The VEC will

[Back to top](#) contact the employer to obtain this information.

7. What if I quit my job?

- Voluntary quits and resignations are a separation issue. As a result you must have a Fact Finding Interview with a hearing officer to determine if you are qualified to receive benefits. You will receive notice of a date and time that the hearing officer will contact you. In the case of a voluntary quit/resignation the burden of proof is on the claimant to

[Back to top](#) show that you left the employer for good reason.

8. What if I was fired from my job?

- Fired and discharged are separation issues. As a result you must have a Fact Finding Interview with a hearing officer to determine if you are qualified to receive benefits. You will receive notice of a date and time that the hearing officer will contact you. In the case of a discharge/fired, the burden of proof is on the employer to show that you have been

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9. What if I'm receiving a pension?

- Only pensions that you began to receive in the base period affect your unemployment benefits. If the pension you are receiving began before the base period, then it will not affect your claim. If it was in the base period, then it can potentially block your unemployment benefits. Contact your local office to determine if your pension will affect

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10. What new benefits are provided in the Act?

- The Act provides up to 33 weeks of temporary emergency unemployment compensation

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